CLAIMS

- 1. A semi-finished article with an interlinked structure for the goldsmith and costume jewelry field, comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side in the same plane, spaced apart from each other and connected to each other by means of a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain.
- 2. A semi-finished article according to claim 1, wherein the at least two chains are parallel with each other.
- 3. A semi-finished article according to claim 1, wherein the at least two chains are arranged at an increasing or decreasing distance from each other.
- 4. A semi-finished article according to claims 2 or 3, wherein said crosspieces are equally spaced apart from each other.
- 5. A semi-finished article according to claims 2 or 3, wherein said crosspieces are arranged at a variable distance apart according to a prefixed sequence.
- 6. A semi-finished article according to claim 1, wherein from at least one of said chains there extends a further plurality of crosspieces connecting the links of that chain to the links of a further chain, so as to form a multiple interlinked structure.
- 7. A semi-finished article according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said chains is coupled with a further

chain, further crosspieces extending from the links of said further chain to the links of another chain, so as to form a multiple interlinked structure.

- 8. A semi-finished article according to claim 1, wherein the chains are made of different metals.
- 9. A method for the manufacture of a semi-finished article with an interlinked structure for the goldsmith and costume jewelry field formed by at least two chains arranged side-by-side in the same plane and spaced apart from each other and connected to each other by means of a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, comprising the following steps:
- feeding two chains along a first forwardly moving direction;
- feeding a metal wire in a second direction perpendicular to said first forwardly moving direction;
- cutting said wire into portions of a length equal to the length of said crosspieces;
- translating the portions obtained in this manner to arrange them between two respective links of the two chains; and
- welding the ends of said portions to the sides of the respective links of said chains.

- 10. A method according to claim 9, wherein one of said two chains is replaced by a previously formed semifinished article, a further group of crosspieces being connected to one chain of said previously formed semifinished article for connection to the links of a further chain.
- 11. A method according to claim 9, wherein two or more of said semi-finished articles with an interlinked structure are laid side by side in the same plane and welded along two adjacent chains.
- 12. A method according to claim 9, wherein said chains are made of different metals.
- 13. A method according to claim 12, wherein at least one of said chains is made of a soluble metal.
- 14. A method according to claim 12, wherein at least one of said chains consists of links alternately made of precious metal and soluble metal.
- 15. A method according to claim 9, wherein said crosspieces are arranged between two respective links of said chains in such a manner as to be spaced either equidistantly or at a distance that varies according a prefixed sequence.
- 16. A method for the manufacture of a semi-finished article with an interlinked structure for the goldsmith and costume jewelry field formed by at least two chains

arranged side-by-side in the same plane and spaced apart from each other and connected to each other by means of a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, comprising the following steps:

- feeding two chains along a forwardly moving direction:
- feeding portions of a metal wire of a length equal to the length of said crosspieces to arrange them between two respective links of the two chains; and
- welding the ends of said portions to the sides of the respective links of said chains.
- 17. Articles of the goldsmith or costume jewelry field, such as necklaces, chokers, bracelets, ear rings, pendants and the like made from a semi-finished article with interlinked structure comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side in the same plane, spaced apart from each other and connected to each other by means of a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, wherein said crosspieces are flattened to increase the ratio between their exposed surface and their weight.
- 18. Articles of the goldsmith or costume jewelry field, such as necklaces, chokers, bracelets, ear rings, pendants and the like made from a semi-finished article with

interlinked structure comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side in the same plane, spaced apart from each other and connected to each other by means of a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, wherein said crosspieces are shaped or deformed to increase their brightness.

- 19. Articles of the goldsmithery or costume jewelry field, such as necklaces, chokers, bracelets, ear rings, pendants and the like made from a semi-finished article with interlinked structure comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side in the same plane, spaced apart from each other and connected to each other by means of a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, wherein their structure comprises an alternated sequence of links and crosspieces aligned to each other.
- 20. Articles of the goldsmithery or costume jewelry field, such as necklaces, chokeres, bracelets, ear rings, pendants, and the like, made from a semi-finished article with interlinked structure comprising at least two chains arranged side-by-side in the same plane, spaced apart from each other and connected to each other by means of a plurality of crosspieces extending from a link of one chain to a link of the other chain, characterized in that

their structure comprises a sequence of links with crosspieces radially extending from said links.